



ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

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THE alleged resignation of Secretary Gage has only reached the newspaper stage.

THE chances for an imperial scrap over in Europe seem to be improving right along.

MAKE the farmers' institute a big success. Farming and stock-raising are the true and only basis of our success and prosperity. They should be encouraged.

THE Western Editorial Federation will hold its annual meeting in Omaha, next June. The association embraces the newspapermen west of the Mississippi.

IT is announced that the Leiters have closed their Washington home and will have nothing more to do with society this winter. But they seem to be calling right along in Chicago.

THE good effects of the Dingley bill are at last being felt in the large increase of revenues. Customs collections for December exceed those of November by over three millions of dollars.

ACCORDING to Governor Cooke, Connecticut is the one state in the union that does not have political bosses: "A political boss does not flourish in this state, that gentleman said in a recent speech, "we down them when they start in."

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the announcement that the Kentucky whisky distillers have determined to seriously curtail their output comes the startling statement by a distinguished scientist that annually more than 50,000 human beings die of snake bites.

THERE is such a thing as tempting providence too far: Some one played, "There Will be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" on a large pipe organ in a big Chicago hotel a few days since, and in a few hours the organ was destroyed by fire and considerable damage was occasioned the building besides.

IF it is true, as Mr. Leiter, sr., says, that Chicago makes the market price of wheat, not Liverpool, it is a change that has taken place within recent years and is due to causes that ought to be traceable. The American home market is no longer a myth even to those who, for political reasons, long refused to believe in it.—Bee.

WORD comes from New York that the postal savings bank idea is not popular among the bankers of that city. But it will be borne in mind that the measure proposed is not intended to be entirely satisfactory to the eastern banker, but is for the people, and they ought occasionally to be considered in matters of legislation.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



RED WILLOW.

Mrs. Loomis was expected home in time for Christmas festivities.

Miss Annie Rinck returned home from Arkansas to spend Christmas.

Last Friday night, Mrs. R. D. Hatcher started to Colorado to visit her sister.

Mrs. P. J. Taylor and son Horace spent Christmas with Wm. McCool's family.

John Longnecker's family, or a part of the family, joined Wm. Byfield's folks at Christmas dinner.

There was a matched hunting party on Christmas day, and the losers are preparing an oyster supper.

Mrs. Nesbit of Frontier county is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Baker.

Mrs. Canaga is spending the holidays with her daughters Ida and Nellie, who are attending school at Fairbury, this state.

"We had roast goose for dinner," remarked Colonel J.F. Black cheerfully, "and what in this world is better than roast goose?" And the Rinck family joined in the goose feast.

A New Year resolution: That we will this year keep our eyes and ears open for the news of this precinct which we will present to THE TRIBUNE each week instead of once a month as heretofore. Also that we leave the poetry to the Pleasant Ridge correspondent.

The school house at the Willow was well filled on Christmas eve, as was also the Christmas tree. Perhaps no one was made happier than Rev. Vivian, who received a nice fur lap-robe. Santa Claus was a jolly fellow and did his part bravely, even though some of the crowd persisted in calling him Horace.

On the evening of December 21st this neighborhood received a pleasant treat in the school exhibition prepared by Miss Cullen, teacher of the south school in district 72. Miss Cullen's school numbers only fifteen scholars, fully one-half of whom had never taken part in anything of the kind before, but the little teacher had them perfectly drilled. There were no lines missed and no prompting was required, and the crowd extended hearty congratulations to Miss Cullen at the close of the entertainment. She did not forget a liberal treat for her little folks. The two weeks' vacation ends the Monday after New Year.

DANBURY.

The schools here and hereabout have had a vacation, this week.

Arthur Everist will leave, next week, for Fairfield, where he expects to work, next year.

Moses Young has bought the strip of land in the southwestern part of town formerly owned by the Lincoln Land Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer and Mr. and Mrs. Havens were over in McCook, Monday, and joined the new and rapidly growing order, the Star of Jupiter.

L. Cann gave a stereopticon entertainment, last Sunday evening, consisting of Bible and landscape views. The entertainment was heartily appreciated by a full house.

At a meeting of the Danbury camp, M. W. of A., last Saturday night, December 25th, the following officers were elected: Phillip Gliem, V. C.; Otto Puelz, W. A.; T. E. McDonald, banker; Clifford Naden, clerk; W. A. DeMay, physician; H. V. Lord, secretary; William Sandon, chief forester; W. J. Stillebauer, watchman; M. M. Mack, sentry. The camp has about fifty members now and a neat little sum in its general fund with which to commence the new year. The good crops brought them as well as others good profits, and they feel proud of their order.

The Burlington is being considerably inconvenienced by a grain blockade at St. Louis.

England will soon be ready to arbitrate! She has now seventeen warships in hallooing distance of the Chinese coast, and more on the road.

BOX ELDER.

The Christmas entertainment at Box Elder on Christmas eve, was a complete and gratifying success. The tree was beautiful to look upon and bore a fruitage of gifts for all, young and old. The speaking by the little folks was very entertaining, and the music rendered by the choir was very fine, tuneful and inspiring. We think that great credit is due all who in any way, either by giving money or work to make an evening so pleasant and enjoyable to all.

James A. Modrell and Hattie S. King were united in marriage on the 21st instant by Rev. E. J. Vivian in the presence of the families of the contracting parties—S. C. King and John S. Modrell; two sisters of the bride, Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Harris, were also present from Iowa. The union was consummated at the home of the bride's parents. After the ceremony all present partook of a superb and bountiful wedding feast.

The bride was beautifully and tastefully attired.

It was a very enjoyable time for all present—an occasion long to be remembered. Our prayer is that life may be happy and prosperous for them.

The following is a list of the presents received:

Set of china dishes—Ben King. Set of chairs—Roy King and Vanie Modrell. Eight-day clock—Barnett Lumber Co. Linen tablecloth, dozen napkins and half-dozen towels—C. Armstrong. Set silver knives and forks, two fruit dishes, set sauce dishes, syrup pitcher, creamer, water pitcher and dozen tumblers—J. S. Modrell and family. Lamp, salt and pepper—Mrs. S. C. King. Set silver tablespoons—S. M. Cochran. Set teaspoons—H. P. Sutton. Silver toothpick holder, silver salt and pepper set—Kate Saunders. Can of tea—Mrs. Saunders. Looking glass—Angie Fadness. Paper holder—Bertha Pade. Wash-bowl and pitcher—Mrs. Lewis. Hand-made handkerchief—Mrs. Carpenter. Linen scarf—Mrs. E. J. Vivian. Embroidered handkerchief—Miss Sara Lowman. Rocking chair—Mrs. S. C. King. Extension table—Mrs. W. A. Lloyd and Mrs. L. Harris.

NORTH COLEMAN.

Miss Della Carothers is having a vacation during the holidays.

An unusual amount of mail was received at Osborn postoffice, Monday.

Mrs. John Bennett, who has been visiting for two months at Beatrice, has returned.

The Christmas trees were a success and the entertainments all that could be desired.

Robt. Johnson started bright and early, Tuesday, for his destination near Ashland.

The mail carrier had a lively runaway, last week. The horses were caught north of W. H. Epperly's, the buggy being damaged considerably.

The mud of the past week has made it very disagreeable getting around. If the storms will hold off now, husking will soon be the order of the day.

They threshed out 150 bushels of rye in one hour at John Smith's on Monday, Thomas Real doing the job. They afterwards put I. B. Stryker to feeding the machine and he succeeded so well that Mr. Real employed him to help thresh at Casper Hackencamp's.

As Michael Moore was riding a horse at a rapid pace on the 21st, he was thrown off onto the frozen ground, sustaining severe injury to his face and head. He was unconscious for half an hour and was thought to be dead. He has suffered much since, but is better.

Mrs. Wm. Pate, who has been a sufferer from cancer for some time, was taken suddenly sick on the 21st and died on the 23d at 3 a. m. The funeral took place at her home on the following day at 11 o'clock, H. H. Berry officiating. A host of friends and relatives were present at the sad rites, including children, grand-children, and great grand-children of the deceased lady. The interment was made at Longview cemetery. The family has the sympathy of the entire neighborhood.

BARTLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Broman of Tyrone spent Christmas day with friends here.

A. G. Dols of McCook had business here, Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

W. H. Wadsworth of Indianola had business in this vicinity one day, the first of the week.

Miss Irene Flint, who is teaching in the Stockville schools, is at home during the vacation.

Guy Curlee concluded a term of school in the Hickman district, in Tyrone precinct, on the 17th.

E. Hopt, of the McCook schools, is spending the vacation with his parents on the farm east of town.

Bert Bentley, who is attending school at Edgar, this state, is spending the holidays here with his parents.

Miss Mamie Hodgkin, who is attending school here, went to her home in Frontier county to spend the vacation.

Perce Catlett, who is teaching about six miles west of Danbury, is spending a couple of weeks here with his parents.

E. E. Smith mourns the loss of a new set of harness which was gathered in by some nocturnal visitor, last week.

Truman Wood is laid up with a badly carved hand, the result of an accident while butchering on Friday of last week.

J. C. Bailey and wife, nee Amy Fletcher, spent Christmas and a few days following with friends in this vicinity.

The schools here have only one week's vacation—a condition not calculated to bring much joy to the younger pupils.

Wm. Lyman moved, latter part of last week, from his farm near Freedom into the property recently vacated by A. G. Dols.

V. Sells and Robert Lierley received immersion at the hands of Rev. Roberts of the Christian church, last Sunday afternoon.

A. B. Wilson is submerged in grief and he refuses to be comforted. The fullest sympathy of all is his in his recent bereavement.

W. S. Hamilton, who has been working at his trade—that of carpentering—down near Arapahoe for some months past, returned home, close of last week.

J. F. Carnahan and wife are spending the holidays with his parents on the farm northeast of town. Both are teachers in the Maywood schools, Mr. Carnahan being principal.

Miss Sadie Hamilton's school in the Baston district, south of town, closed on the 17th. And a very successful one has been Miss Hamilton's initial attempt at school-teaching, if we are to believe the patrons.

Wm. Bentley and family came up from Edgar, latter part of last week, and spent a few days with relatives here. Mr. Bentley is employed as a brakeman on the Southern division of the Burlington in this state.

On account of failing health, Miss Jennie Goheen has resigned her position as teacher of the intermediate department of the schools here, and returned to her home near McCook. We understand that Miss Effie Teel of Indianola will be elected to succeed Miss Goheen.

Christmas exercises were held in the primary and intermediate departments of the school, Friday afternoon. Good musical and literary programmes were presented by the pupils and short talks were made by some of the visitors. In Miss Goheen's room the children found much occasion for merriment in a recitation offered by one of the ladies.

Really, the continued depredations of the light-fingered gentry in this neighborhood are becoming exceedingly wearisome to the long-suffering victims. One day, when one of the rascals carries away a liberal charge of shot with his plunder, they may stop to cogitate on the error of their way, but until that time the case seems hopeless.

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Miss Maud Vickrey expects to enter the Wesleyan university at Lincoln, first of the year.

Mr. J. H. Keys and Miss Myrtle Epperly were married on Wednesday evening of last week by Rev. Fouth in the Methodist parsonage. On Christmas night the cornet band, of which Mr. Keys is a member, serenaded them at the residence of his parents west of town, and all concerned made merry until a late hour. A grand supper was not the least attractive feature of the evening's entertainment.

H. P. Hodgkin of this place and Miss Jessie Stephens of Frontier county were married at the home of her parents north of Box Elder on Wednesday, the 29th. The ceremony was witnessed by a small company of relatives of the contracting parties. They will make this place their home. In common with their large circle of acquaintances we extend congratulations and anticipate for them a bright and happy future.

The men and newspapers who are mourning loudest over the death of General Ruiz, who had been warned to keep out of Cuban camps, have little to say of the thousands of women and children starved to death, and the sick and wounded in hospitals hacked to death under orders from Spanish headquarters.

PROSPECT PARK.

Corn husking is in full blast again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson visited Rev. J. E. Tirrill, Monday.

J. H. Wade and wife spent Sunday evening at Rev. J. E. Tirrill's.

Mrs. W.N. Cratty who has been quite sick, is improving, we are happy to state.

Miss Gerda Anderson is in Omaha, having her eyes treated by a specialist.

Len Stephens mourns the loss of a fine pig, which strayed away one day lately.

Miss Pearl Hayes of Danbury is visiting her grand-parents, R. M. Wade and wife, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Barnes and son Newman ate Christmas dinner with W. A. Holbrook and family.

Rev. J. E. Tirrill of Fairview has been quite seriously ill for three or four weeks, but is slowly improving, at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boatman, Mr. Chas. Shears, Miss Hattie Bunnell and Miss Mattie Shears ate Xmas dinner at Eugene Dunham's.

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